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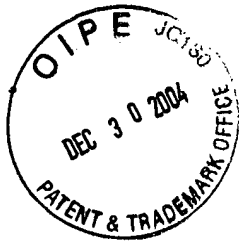
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**RESPONSE TO
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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 15, 2004 in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

An election of species has been required with respect to (A) the species of Figure 5, or (B) the species of Figure 6, or (C) the species of Figure 7, or (D) the species of Figures 8 and 9, or (E) the species of Figure 10.

In response, Applicants elect species (A), as shown in Figure 5.

Claims 1-6 and 14-25 are believed to read on the elected species.

It is understood that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. Currently, claim 1 is generic.

Examination and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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